



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lin Lu Healy et al.
Serial No.: 09/104,339
Filed: October 19, 1999
Title: GEL COMPOSITIONS

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Group Unit: 1713

Examiner: P. Mulcahy

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- 1) Reply to Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, with Appendices A and B; and
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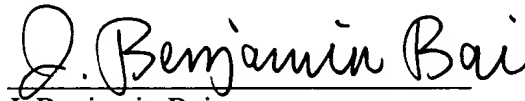
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2001

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, the Applicant respectfully responds as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, and 5.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A gel composition, comprising:
an ester compound; and
a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof,
wherein the gel composition is substantially free of mineral oils,
wherein the ester is represented by one of the following formulas: